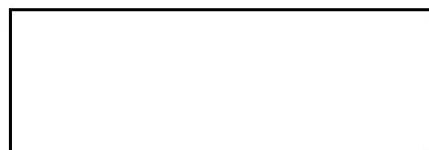STATINTL

Although it may be a bit presumptuous on my part, I
am responding to the NIS User Questionnaire in my role as
supervisor and senior representative to the National Military
Command Center, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. A
complete set of the NIS publications is maintained in the
library of the NMCC for use by the various teams. While
the Factbook is probably used more frequently than the NIS
topical units in response to crash requirements and questions,
the General Survey is consulted frequently. It has been my
experience that the NMCC/JCS team chiefs and desk officers
are most appreciative of the Agency's NIS publications
because of the professionalism and clarity of such publications STATINTL

4. Below is a list of available NIS publications.

   a) Indicate in column I the frequency of use by means of the following symbols:

      A=Regularly   B=Occasionally   C=Rarely   D=Never

   b) Indicate in column II your use, according to the following symbols (multiple uses may be indicated):

      1=Planning and operations   4=General background and orientation
      2=Research, analysis, and production   5=Other (specify) _____
      3=Briefings

Col. I	Col. II		Col. I	Col. II	
A	_134	General Survey (check sections used most frequently) __ Chronology __ Introduction ✓ Geography __ Transp. and Telecom. __ Sociological ✓ Political __ Economic __ Scientific ✓ Armed Forces ✓ Area Brief __ Summary Map	—	____	Telecommunications
			—	____	Population
			—	____	Characteristics of the People
			—	____	Religion, Education, and Public Information
A	_3 4	Basic Intelligence Factbook	A	__3 4	Manpower
—	____	Coasts and Landing Beaches	—	____	Health and Sanitation
—	____	Weather and Climate	—	____	Intelligence and Security
—	____	Meteorological Organization and Facilities	A	__3 4	Subversion and Insurgency
—	____	Topography	—	____	Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry
A	_3 4	Urban Areas	—	____	Fuels
—	____	Railroads	—	____	Electric Power
—	____	Highways	—	____	Minerals and Metals
—	____	Inland Waterways	—	____	Manufacturing and Construction
—	____	Ports and Naval Facilities	—	____	Trade and Finance
—	____	Merchant Marine	A	__3 4	Armed Forces
—	____	Civil Air	—	____	Marine Climate
			—	____	Oceanography

5. In general, do you consider yourself:

✓ a. Regular user of NIS publications

___ b. Infrequent user

6. If you checked 5,a, above, which of the following best describes NIS usefulness: (If more than one applies, indicate rank by using 1 for highest.)

___ Principal source of information

___ Secondary source

✓ Supplies information in a conveniently assembled form not otherwise available

___ Supplies corroborative information

___ Other (specify) _____

7. If you checked 5,b, above, which of the following best describes your reasons for only infrequent use:
(If more than one applies, indicate rank by using 1 for highest.)

___ Not readily available

___ Not sufficiently current

___ Too summarized and generalized

___ Too detailed

___ Only marginally related to my needs

___ Needs filled by other publications (specify) _____

___ NIS of value only in conjunction with other publications (specify) _____

___ Other (specify) _____

8. Has the NIS been consulted for crisis situations, crash projects, or emergency planning?

✓ Yes   ___ No   Why?   _ALL "CRISIS" PERIODS._

If you checked "Yes" above, how useful was it under these circumstances?

✓ Excellent   ___ Good   ___ Adequate   ___ Marginal

9. With reference to the NIS publications listed in 4, above, what are the major short-comings you have found in the NIS? (Please relate these to your own needs, considering adequacy of coverage, reliability of content, currency, length and detail of presentation, and security classification.) _____

_____Currency of information._____

(answer may be continued on the reverse)

10. What specific suggestions can you make for improving the content (including graphics), coverage, organization, and format of NIS units? _____

An improved method of indexing for the military

systematic mind.

Note: The NIS maps are the finest in the world from the

military mind. We have often been complimented on

the NIS maps.

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